APPENDIX I:

THE LISTING OF CLAIMS:

- 1. (original) A process for hydroformylating compounds which contain at least one ethylenically unsaturated double bond by reacting with carbon monoxide and hydrogen in the presence of a catalyst comprising at least one complex of a metal of transition group VIII of the Periodic Table of the Elements with ligands which each have a phosphorus group and at least one functional group which is capable of forming intermolecular noncovalent bonds, wherein the complex has ligands which are dimerized via intermolecular noncovalent bonds and wherein the distance between the phosphorus atoms of the dimerized ligands is at most 5 Å.
- 2. (currently amended) A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the distance between the phosphorus atoms of the dimerized ligands is in the range from 2.5 to 4.5 Å, preferably from 3.5 to 4.2 Å, especially from 3.6 to 4.1 Å.
- 3. (previously presented) A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the functional groups which are capable of forming intermolecular noncovalent bonds are selected from hydroxyl, primary, secondary and tertiary amino, thiol, keto, thioketone, imine, carboxylic ester, carboxamide, amidine, urethane, urea, sulfoxide, sulfoximine, sulfonamide and sulfonic ester groups.
- 4. (previously presented) A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the functional groups which are capable of forming intermolecular noncovalent bonds are selected from groups which are capable of tautomerizing.
- 5. (previously presented) A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the ligands include at least one structural element of the general formulae I.a or I.b

or tautomers thereof where

- ${\tt R}^1$ and ${\tt R}^2$ are each independently alkyl, alkoxy, cycloalkyl, cycloalkoxy, heterocycloalkyl, heterocycloalkoxy, aryl, aryloxy, hetaryl or hetaryloxy,
- \mathbb{R}^3 is hydrogen or is as defined for R^1 and R^2 ,
- is a bivalent bridging group having from 1 to 5 bridging Х atoms between the flanking bonds,
- is O, S or NR4, where R4 is hydrogen, alkyl, cycloalkyl, Y heterocycloalkyl, aryl or hetaryl,

and two or more than two of the X radicals and R1 to R4 together with the structural element of the formula I.a or I.b to which they are bonded may be a mono- or polycyclic compound.

- 6. (original) A process as claimed in claim 5, wherein \mathbb{R}^1 and \mathbb{R}^2 in the ligands I.a or I.b, together with the phosphorus atom to which they are bonded, are each a 5- to 8-membered heterocycle which may optionally additionally be singly, doubly or triply fused with cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, aryl or hetaryl, and the heterocycle and, where present, the fused groups may each independently bear one, two, three or four substituents which are selected from alkyl, cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, aryl, hetaryl, COOR^c, COO-M⁺, SO₃R^c, SO₃-M⁺, PO₃(R^c)(R^d), (PO₃)²-(M⁺)₂, NE⁴E⁵, $(NE^4E^5E^6)^+X^-$, OR^e , SR^e , $(CHR^fCH_2O)_yR^e$, $(CH_2NE^4)_yR^e$, $(CH_2CH_2NE^4)_yR^e$, halogen, nitro, acyl and cyano, where
 - ${\tt R^c}$ and ${\tt R^d}$ are each identical or different radicals selected from alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl and hetaryl,
 - R^e , E^4 , E^5 , E^6 are each identical or different radicals selected from hydrogen, alkyl, cycloalkyl, acyl, aryl and hetaryl,
 - R^f is hydrogen, methyl or ethyl,
 - is one cation equivalent, M⁺
 - X- is one anion equivalent and
 - is an integer from 1 to 240. У
- 7. (currently amended) A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the ligands are selected from compounds of the general formulae I.1 to I.3

and the tautomers thereof where

one of the R^5 to R^9 radicals is a group of the formula $-W'-PR^1R^2$ where

W' is a single bond, a heteroatom, a heteroatom-containing group or a bivalent bridging group having from 1 to 4 bridging atoms between the flanking bonds,

R¹ and R² are each as defined in either of claims 4 or 5 independently alkyl, alkoxy, cycloalkyl, cycloalkoxy, heterocycloalkyl, heterocycloalkoxy, aryl, aryloxy, hetaryl or hetaryloxy,

the R^5 to R^9 radicals which are not $-W'-PR^1R^2$ are each independently hydrogen, alkyl, cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, aryl, hetaryl, WCOOR°, WCOO-M+, W(SO₃)R°, W(SO₃)-M+, WPO₃(R°)(RP), W(PO₃)²⁻(M+)₂, WNE¹E², W(NE¹E²E³)+X-, WORq, WSRq, (CHR^rCH₂O)_xRq, (CH₂NE¹)_xRq, (CH₂CH₂NE¹)_xRq, halogen, nitro, acyl or cyano,

where

W is a single bond, a heteroatom, a heteroatom-containing group or a bivalent bridging group having from 1 to 20 bridging atoms,

Ro and Rp are each identical or different radicals selected from alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl and hetaryl,

Rq, E1, E2, E3 are each identical or different radicals selected from hydrogen, alkyl, cycloalkyl, acyl, aryl and hetaryl,

Rr is hydrogen, methyl or ethyl,

M+ is one cation equivalent,

X- is one anion equivalent and

x is an integer from 1 to 240,

and in each case two adjacent R^5 , R^6 , R^7 , R^8 and R^9 radicals, together with the ring carbon atoms to which they are bonded, may also be a fused ring system having 1, 2 or 3 further rings, and

- Ra and Rb are each hydrogen, alkyl, acyl, cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, aryl or hetaryl.
- 8. (currently amended) A process for hydroformylating compounds which contain at least one ethylenically unsaturated double bond by reacting with carbon monoxide and hydrogen in the presence of a catalyst comprising at least one complex of a metal of transition group VIII of the Periodic Table of the Elements with ligands which are selected from compounds of the general formulae I.1 to I.3

and the tautomers thereof where

- one of the R^5 to R^9 radicals is a group of the formula $-W'-PR^1R^2$ where
- W' is a single bond, a heteroatom, a heteroatom-containing group or a bivalent bridging group having from 1 to 4 bridging atoms between the flanking bonds,
- R¹ and R² are each as defined in either of claims 4 or 5 independently alkyl, alkoxy, cycloalkyl, cycloalkoxy, heterocycloalkyl, heterocycloalkoxy, aryl, aryloxy, hetaryl or hetaryloxy,
- the R^5 to R^9 radicals which are not $-W'-PR^1R^2$ are each independently hydrogen, alkyl, cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, aryl, hetaryl, WCOOR°, WCOO-M+, W(SO₃)R°, W(SO₃)-M+, WPO₃(R°)(RP), W(PO₃)²⁻(M+)₂, WNE¹E², W(NE¹E²E³)+X-, WORq, WSRq, (CHR^rCH₂O)_xRq, (CH₂NE¹)_xRq, (CH₂CH₂NE¹)_xRq, halogen, nitro, acyl or cyano,

where

- W is a single bond, a heteroatom, a heteroatom-containing group or a bivalent bridging group having from 1 to 20 bridging atoms,
- ${\tt R^o}$ and ${\tt R^p}$ are each identical or different radicals selected from alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl and hetaryl,
- R^q , E^1 , E^2 , E^3 are each identical or different radicals selected from hydrogen, alkyl, cycloalkyl, acyl, aryl and hetaryl,

Rr is hydrogen, methyl or ethyl,

M+ is one cation equivalent,

X- is one anion equivalent and

x is an integer from 1 to 240,

and in each case two adjacent R^5 , R^6 , R^7 , R^8 and R^9 radicals, together with the ring carbon atoms to which they are bonded, may also be a fused ring system having 1, 2 or 3 further rings, and R^a and R^b are each hydrogen, alkyl, acyl, cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, aryl or hetaryl.

9. (previously presented) A process as claimed in claim 6, wherein the ligands are selected from compounds of the general formulae I.i to I.iii

$$R^{6}$$
 R^{7}
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 R^{9}
 R^{1}
 R^{2}
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and the tautomers thereof where

a is 0 or 1,

 R^1 and R^2 are each as defined above,

 R^6 to R^9 are each independently hydrogen, C_1-C_4- alkyl, C_1-C_4- alkoxy, acyl, aryl, heteroaryl, halogen, C_1-C_4- alkoxycarbonyl or carboxylate,

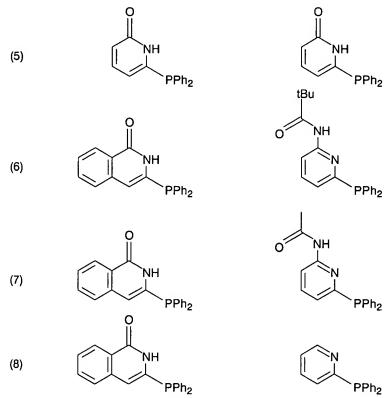
and in each case two adjacent R^6 , R^7 , R^8 and R^9 radicals, together with the ring carbon atoms to which they are bonded, may also be a fused ring system having 1, 2 or 3 further rings, and

Ra and Rb are each hydrogen, alkyl, acyl, cycloalkyl or aryl.

10. (previously presented) A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the ligands used comprise at least one compound of the formulae (1) to (4)

$$(C_{6}H_{5})_{2}P \qquad (C_{6}H_{5})_{2}P \qquad (C_{$$

11. (previously presented) A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the ligand used is one of the following ligands/ligand pairs (5) to (8):



- 12. (previously presented) A catalyst as defined in claim 1.
- 13. (original) A catalyst as claimed in claim 12, wherein the metal is selected from cobalt, nickel, rhodium, ruthenium and iridium.

- 14. (canceled)
- 15. (canceled)
- 16. (canceled)
- 17. (new) A process as claimed in claim 2, wherein the distance is in the range from 3.5 to 4.2 Å.
- 18. (new) A process as claimed in claim 2, wherein the distance is in the range from 3.6 to 4.1 Å.
- 19. (new) A process as claimed in claim 7, wherein R¹ and R², together with the phosphorus atom to which they are bonded, are each a 5-to 8-membered heterocycle which may optionally additionally be singly, doubly or triply fused with cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, aryl or hetaryl, and the heterocycle and, where present, the fused groups may each independently bear one, two, three or four substituents which are selected from alkyl, cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, aryl, hetaryl, COORc, COO-M+, SO3Rc, SO3-M+, PO3(Rc)(Rd), (PO3)²-(M+)², NE⁴E⁵, (NE⁴E⁵E⁶)+X-, ORe, SRe, (CHRfCH²O)yRe, (CH²NE⁴)yRe, (CH²CH²NE⁴)yRe, halogen, nitro, acyl and cyano, where Rc and Rd are each identical or different radicals selected from alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl and hetaryl,
 - R^{e} , E^{4} , E^{5} , E^{6} are each identical or different radicals selected

from hydrogen, alkyl, cycloalkyl, acyl, aryl and hetaryl,

- Rf is hydrogen, methyl or ethyl,
- M+ is one cation equivalent,
- X- is one anion equivalent and
- y is an integer from 1 to 240.
- 20. (new) A process as claimed in claim 8, wherein R¹ and R², together with the phosphorus atom to which they are bonded, are each a 5-to 8-membered heterocycle which may optionally additionally be singly, doubly or triply fused with cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, aryl or hetaryl, and the heterocycle and, where present, the fused groups may each independently bear one, two, three or four substituents which are selected from alkyl, cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, aryl, hetaryl, COORc, COO-M+, SO3Rc, SO3-M+, PO3(Rc)(Rd), (PO3)²-(M+)², NE⁴E⁵, (NE⁴E⁵E⁶)+X-, ORe, SRe, (CHRfCH²O)γRe, (CH²NE⁴)γRe, (CH²CH²NE⁴)γRe, halogen, nitro, acyl and cyano, where Rc and Rd are each identical or different radicals selected from alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl and hetaryl,

- R^e , E^4 , E^5 , E^6 are each identical or different radicals selected from hydrogen, alkyl, cycloalkyl, acyl, aryl and hetaryl,
- Rf is hydrogen, methyl or ethyl,
- M+ is one cation equivalent,
- X- is one anion equivalent and
- y is an integer from 1 to 240.